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APPARATUS**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims (9) and (10) as follows:

(9) (amended) An element according to claim 1, wherein pixels each formed
from the plurality of elements are arranged in a two-dimensional array.

(10) (amended) A projection apparatus including an optical modulation element
for modulating incident light in accordance with a video signal,

wherein the optical modulation element is formed from said optical
modulation element of Claim 1.

Please add new claims(11) through (19) as follows:

(11) (amended) An element according to claim 3, wherein pixels each formed
from the plurality of elements are arranged in a two-dimensional array.

(12) (amended) An element according to claim 5, wherein pixels each formed from the plurality of elements are arranged in a two-dimensional array.

(13) (amended) An element according to claim 6, wherein pixels each formed from the plurality of elements are arranged in a two-dimensional array.

(14) (amended) An element according to claim 8, wherein pixels each formed from the plurality of elements are arranged in a two-dimensional array.

(15) (amended) A projection apparatus including an optical modulation element for modulating incident light in accordance with a video signal,

wherein the optical modulation element is formed from said optical modulation element of Claim 3.

(16) (amended) A projection apparatus including an optical modulation element for modulating incident light in accordance with a video signal,

wherein the optical modulation element is formed from said optical modulation element of Claim 5.

(17) (amended) A projection apparatus including an optical modulation element for modulating incident light in accordance with a video signal,

wherein the optical modulation element is formed from said optical modulation element of Claim 6.

(18) (amended) A projection apparatus including an optical modulation element for modulating incident light in accordance with a video signal,

wherein the optical modulation element is formed from said optical modulation element of Claim 9.

REMARKS

The above amendments have been made to conform with United States claim drafting criteria and eliminate multiple dependent claims. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500,k Order No. 1232-4709.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

(9) (amended) An element according to [any one of claims 1 to 8,] claim 1, wherein pixels each formed from the plurality of elements are arranged in a two-dimensional array.

(10) (amended) A projection apparatus including an optical modulation element for modulating incident light in accordance with a video signal,

wherein the optical modulation element is formed from said optical modulation element of [any one of claims 1 to 9] Claim 1.